HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

Sunrise
MARCH 24, 1946

Sunset
JUNE 6, 2018

Marian Elaine Bess

Tuesday, June 19, 2018
Bishop K.R. Woods, Officiating

Order of Service

Officiant – Bishop K.R. Woods,
Covenant Worship Center, Berkeley, CA

Musical Prelude ..... DeMarea Dunwood

Family Processional

Opening Prayer ..... Pastor Valarie Rideaux
iExpect Ministries, El Cerrito, CA

Scripture Reading ... Carolyn Pope, Associate Pastor,
Covenant Worship Center, Berkeley, CA

Expressions of Love/Song ..... Nona Brown (Sister)

Acknowledgements ..... Sis. Danni Talley

Reading of Obituary ..... Sis. Danni Talley

Song ..... Sylvia Coleman

Expressions of Love
Son, Kevin Bess
Grandson, Tyler Henry
Cousin, Brenda Lewis
Friend, Rhapsody "Evon" Cummings
Other Family & Friends – Please Limit to 3 Minutes

Song .....JaCoree Prothro

Eulogy ..... .Bishop K.R. Woods

Final Viewing

Recessional

Interment
Immediately Following
Oakmont Memorial Park, Lafayette, CA

Marian Elaine Bess

Marian Elaine Bess was born to the late Eddie Jones and Sammie Louise Jones in Oakland, California on March 24, 1946. She was called home on June 6, 2018, after a 4th battle with cancer. She passed away peacefully, surrounded by her beloved grandson, Tyler Henry.

Marian's early childhood years were in Richmond, California until her parents divorced when she was 8 (that marriage produced 4 other children (Gloria, Susan, Eddie, and Paris). At age 11, Sammie Louise Jones would marry James Mayes, who became an instant father, embracing and loving all 5 of the children. "Jimmy" (what his children would call him), was an electrical engineer and moved his family to East Palo Alto, California where Marian completed high school. Eventually the family moved to Orinda, California.

After high school, Marian worked at Koret of California, where she met and married Roy James Henry. That marriage produced one son, Gerald Eugene Henry.

Marian left Koret of California and began a job with the Post Office, where she met and married John Louis Bess Jr. That marriage produced one son, Kevin Louis Bess.

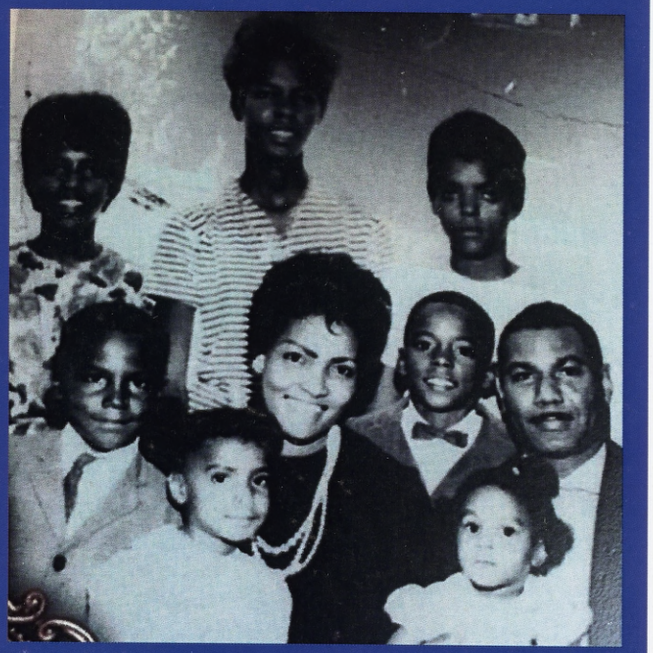
Marian then moved to Fremont, California, where both her sons graduated from American High School. Both of her sons would later move to different states, so Marian moved to Oakland, closer to her job, and would gain the little girl she always wanted, a toy poodle named "Cupcake". In 2005, Marian joined Covenant Worship Center in Berkeley, CA under the leadership of Bishop Kelly Woods and later became a member of the Mother's Board.

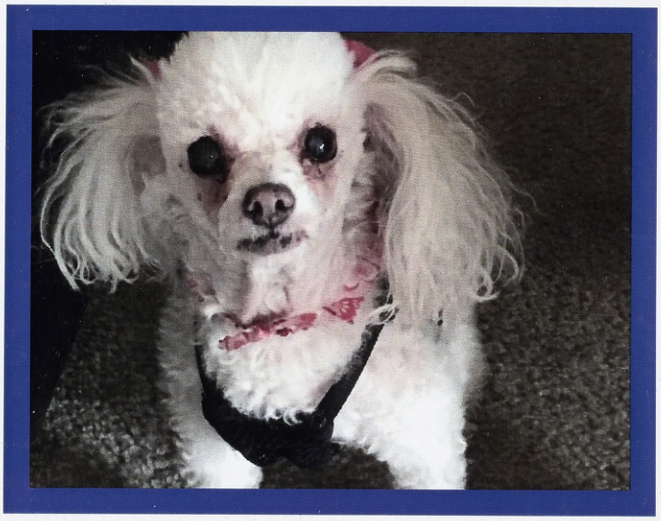
Marian retired from the Post Office after 42 years of service and moved to Sacramento to live out her retirement. New friends, new church, new weather, and Marian thrived in Sacramento. She worked at Howe Elementary School, assisting Teacher Janna and was known as Classroom Grandma – the kids loved her! When Marian was unable to make the drive to the Bay Area, she was under the spiritual care of Pastor Dean Deguara and the Real Life Church family. In Marian's own words – "my life was full and happy. All the glory and honor goes to God. I thank Him for everything He has done for me".

Marian is preceded in death by her parents, Sammie Louise Mayes and James Mayes, her father, Eddie Jones, three sisters Catana Mayes, Gloria "Cookie" Wijayapala, Sandra Martin and one brother, Eddie "Shango" Jones.

She is survived by her sons Gerald Eugene Henry (Naomi), Seattle, Washington and Kevin Louis Bess (Jackie), Aurora, Colorado; 2 sisters, Susan Shivers (Lionel), Antioch, California, Nona Brown, Brentwood, California; 1 brother, Paris Jones (Shelly), Clatskanie, Oregon; 6 grandchildren, Tyler Henry, Astin Williams, Nylah Henry, Jackson Bess, Vincent Bess, Gavin Bess; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She also leaves her beloved little girl toy poodle, Cupcake, close friends Rhapsody "Evon" Cummings, Betty Blanton (Jimmy), her Covenant Worship Center and Real Life Church families and a multitude of friends, all of whom will miss her dearly but are uplifted by the memory of such a gracious and loving woman.





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Active Pallbearers

Gerald Henry
Tyler Henry
Gary Logwood
Kevin Bess
Devon Jones
Phillip Driskell

Honorary Pallbearers

Justin Brown
Lionel Shivers
Phil Martin
Ivan Shivers
Nathan Jones
Jimmy Blanton

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